

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, May 22, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 2548–2580; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 58; and H. Res. 344–347, were introduced. **Pages H4388–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4390–91**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1725, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–133);

H.R. 1329, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to improve the processing of claims by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–134); and

H.R. 2288, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–135). **Pages H4387–88**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4361, H4374**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting the amendment to H.R. 1039 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H4362**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:16 a.m. **Page H4373**

Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 1039, to amend section 3606 of title 18, United States Code, to grant probation officers authority to arrest hostile third parties who obstruct or impede a probation officer in the performance of official duties, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 268. **Pages H4362–73, H4373–74**

Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–127) that sought to request a comprehensive study on the new authority of probation officers and sunset that authority 30 months later after enactment (by a recorded vote of 178 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 267). **Pages H4368–73, H4373**

H. Res. 324, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1039) was agreed to yesterday, May 18th.

United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Members to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Representatives Brady (PA) and Crowley; and from private life: Mr. Richard Trumka of Rockville, Maryland. **Page H4374**

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development—Reappointment: Read a

letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she reappointed the following Member to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years: Representative Sewell (AL).

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 22nd and that the order of the House of January 3, 2017, regarding morning-hour debate not apply on that day. **Page H4378**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, May 22nd for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4381**

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representative Thomas J. Rooney (FL). **Page H4387**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4373 and H4374. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2018 Priorities and Posture of the National Security Space Enterprise”. Testimony was heard from General John W. Raymond, Commander, Air Force

Space Command; Lieutenant General David Buck, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command—Space, U.S. Strategic Command; Betty Sapp, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Robert Cardillo, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; John Hill, Performing the Duties of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Drinking Water System Improvement Act and Related Issues of Funding, Management, and Compliance Assistance under the Safe Drinking Water Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “IRS Reform: Lessons Learned from the National Taxpayer Advocate”. Testimony was heard from Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 953, the “Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, May 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Terry Branstad, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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